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Here at Home

By Maude Miller

Our Beloved Boss, Sam Levy, insists I tell this one on myself. Parked the car on El Prado, just round the corner from the store, secured a nickel from Ella, carefully pushed the coin in the meter, and walked blithely away. Came out of the Store no more than a half an hour later, to find the meter read "Expired". . . and a ticket on the windshield. Boy was I burned up! Eddie finally solved the mystery. He discovered that I had carefully fed the wrong meter. . . the one on the right instead of the left of the car! Can't hardly tell my left from my right hand these days. But I'm not the only one! Anybody else getting cross-eyed trying to snatch three letter words off the new license plates while driving? So far we've come up with LAW, EAG, LAD, HUB, GET, GEM, MAX, and MAC. Beats listening to disc jockeys, or even playing scrabble for sheer entertainment. How're you doing?

Woman Side

Time was, in ancient and medieval days, when the liver, instead of the heart, was considered the seat of affection and love. What a thought! Imagine telling your guy, "Sweet liver, I love you!" . . . Or, "My bile is racing madly for you." (Maybe that's where they got the expression, "green with jealousy"). . . Or how about gay slices of beef liver decorating the Valentine Ball for the Torrance Memorial Hospital Saturday night, Feb. 11 . . . at the Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach? Guess we all prefer the pretty, fat red hearts.

Want to look like a gorgeous valentine for the dance? Grab yourself one of our sensational dance gowns, so fresh and gay, or sleek and sophisticated . . . all stunning for stunningly little. You won't rile His bile, but you'll sure start his heart . . . a fluttering!

Man Side

If you don't really want a new suit for the dance (even if you need one) . . . so at least turn up with a spanking new white shirt and Italian-inspired tie. You'll like our selections for all sizes, and arm lengths. . . And nothing will dress up that old suit like a french-cuffed shirt with a gold-type Swank cuff-links. Smart and smartly priced! And guess what's sitting in the Window that you really can't get through Valentine's Day without? A real creation in shorts . . . red hearts on a white background! What could be more romantic?

Our Side

A serious thought from Mr. L. to the citizens of our town, and area. "Three hundred thirty million dollars have been spent for floor control in the county. . . Yet you couldn't get in or out of Torrance during the recent floods . . . there wasn't a street open! The U. S. is preparing to send some three hundred millions to Egypt to build a dam on the Nile River. Is it possible we need one somewhere around here? Highway 101 is a major civilian and military highway . . . yet it was completely knocked out during the rains. What's the solution? We don't know! But there's got to be an answer somewhere!" A sobering thought indeed!

We feel sorry for the folks who can't get INTO Torrance . . . because here at home is the best place to shop. You local downtown merchants will prove it again on Dollar Days . . . Feb. 16, 17 and 18. Prove it to yourself . . . especially at 1311 Sartori. SAM LEVY DEPT. STORE. Naturally!

Hospital Presents Make Christmas Lasting Season

Christmas may occur only once a year with most people, but the year-around use of certain machines for treating children at Orthopaedic Hospital in Los Angeles serves as a daily reminder to 62 power plant engineers at the El Segundo Division of Douglas Aircraft Company that the Yuletide season is everlasting.

Instead of buying and sending Christmas cards to each other during the past two Christmas seasons, the aircraft engineers have made a donation to a common fund which in turn was contributed to Orthopaedic Hospital for purchase of much needed medical equipment.

Last week, members of the Douglas El Segundo power plant section visited the hospital at 2424 South Flower street, Los Angeles, to see their gifts — a hydrocollator unit, pedigo table, and defibrillator in operation. The engineers had given \$240 in 1955 and \$100 in 1954 to purchase the items, since the non-profit institution

for crippled children depends entirely on public support for all of its equipment, even bed linens.

At the hospital, the Douglas representatives watched a physical therapist apply hot packs from the hydrocollator to the legs of Carl Roukema, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Roukema of 21806 South Bonita street, Torrance. The youth has been under post-polio treatment at Orthopaedic hospital for the past three months.

Mrs. Nancy Mahan of 822 West "G" Street, Wilmington, therapist who applied the hot packs during the visit, pointed out that hot muscle packs are an integral part of post-acute polio treatment.

The guests also saw the defibrillator, their gift of Christmas 1954, and learned that the "breathing machine" has been directly responsible in helping to save many lives at the hospital. According to Assistant Hospital Director Marguerite Heinz, not a single patient has been lost in surgery because the defibrillator has been able to take over in every case where the patient's respiration became weak or erratic.

THESE AS no disparity in marriage like unsuitability of mind and purpose.—Charles Dickens.



AIRCRAFTERS AID POLIO PATIENT . . . Carl Roukema, 13-year-old polio victim of 21806 South Bonita street, Torrance, smiles as Mrs. Nancy Mahan, physical therapist at Orthopaedic hospital in Los Angeles, applies hot packs to his paralyzed leg from a hydrocollator unit.

The unit was a Christmas donation made to the hospital by 62 power plant engineers at the El Segundo plant. Douglasites seen visiting Carl are (l-r) A. F. Ahrens of Westchester and Mrs. Irene Anheir of Los Angeles.

Clark Market Begins Sale

Clark Market officials today announced the beginning of a spectacular four-day money-savings food sale which gets under way today, February 9 and will end with the close of business on Sunday, February 12.

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Local Library Reflects Interests of Community

The aim of a branch library is to reflect the interests of the community in which it is located. In that sense, the Torrance branch of the Los Angeles county library is one of the best branches in the county.

So stated Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, head of the Torrance library since 1932.

A constant effort is made towards maintaining a well-rounded selection of books. The Torrance library however, does excel in its technical books, having a more complete selection in this respect than any other library its size.

18,000 Books
The local library actually contains 18,000 books. When speaking of the Torrance "branch" one is really referring to three "branches" with the central one located at Cravens and Post and

the other two located in Walteria park and next to the North Torrance fire station on 174th street and Yukon.

While the Torrance library is a branch of the Los Angeles county library, all books found in the local library are bought through a special local library tax.

Being part of the county library is actually much more economical and advantageous than having "our own" library, Mrs. Jamieson pointed out.

This way it is possible to take advantage of centralized buying and large scale purchasing. Because it is also possible to borrow books from the central library, the local library can avoid unnecessary duplication.

Furthermore, the library can avail itself of expert advice from specialists in every field employed at the central library.

The Torrance library budget for 1955-56 was \$41,944. Mrs. Jamieson stated. The library could use many more books than it has presently but that would require more money, which would have to be raised by increasing the library tax.

Hours
The central library (corner Post and Cravens) is open from 12 o'clock noon until 9 p.m. every day except Sundays and legal holidays. The North Torrance library is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 12:30 until 6 p.m. and from 7-9 p.m. The Walteria library is open Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays during the same hours as the North Torrance library and on Wednesdays from 12 noon until 6 p.m.

Torrance's library goes back to 1913 when it was started with a loan of 350 volumes from Jared Sidney Torrance, founder of the city of Torrance. The first library was housed in one of the rooms of a private home.

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First School Contender

Dr. Eleanore Z. Thill, optometrist, of 3310 Primm way, Torrance, is the first to file as a contender in the coming school board election. Reports from the office of the County Superintendent of Schools stated that none of the incumbents have yet filed.

Deadline for filing is 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 13. Petitions must be in Room 597, Division of Elections, Office of the County Superintendent of Schools, 808 North Spring, Los Angeles, at that time.

Petitions may be obtained from the Torrance Unified School District offices.

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By-Line:

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A Call for Candidates To Seek Public Office

Torrance will have two local elections this year. The City Council election will be held in April. The School Board election will be held in May. Individuals planning to run for council must file their declaration by February 16. Those running for School Board must file by April 18.

Filing Deadlines Announced

Three City Council and three school board seats will be up for consideration during spring elections this year. Those interested in running for the posts may take out their declaration of candidacy now.

Deadline for filing their declaration for the City Council election is Thursday noon, February 16.

Deadline for filing for school board is 5 p.m., April 18. Candidates for the council may pick up their forms in the city clerk's office of the City Hall, corner Cravens and Post.

Candidates for the school board may pick up their forms at the Torrance School District office, 2335 Plaza del Amo. Residents who have never registered for local elections must do so by February 16 in order to be eligible to vote in the coming elections. Residents must have lived one year in the state of California and 90 days in the county of Los Angeles to qualify.

Residents may register either at the city hall or call FA. 8-5310 to inquire about their neighborhood registrar of voters.

There will be 109 precincts for the City Council election. These precincts will be consolidated into 21 precincts for the school board election.

TRAFFIC CONTROL ASKED

The Chamber of Commerce board has requested Police Chief W. H. Haslam to have patrolmen direct traffic at peak periods at intersections on Sartori and Cravens.

Request was made in a letter to the chief following action upon a recommendation from a special traffic control committee headed by J. H. Paget. Other members of the committee are Milton A. Hunter and Dean L. Sears.

Primarily the chamber requests that traffic officers be used at the intersections from 4 until 7 p.m. on Fridays and other peak periods during the week.

The traffic control committee of the chamber was instructed to continue making studies and recommendations on this problem.

Bradford Services Friday

Services for Mrs. Nellie Bradford of 24240 Ocean ave., will be held at 10 a.m. tomorrow, February 10, at the Walteria Community Methodist church.

Mrs. Bradford was a resident of Walteria for the past five years. Trio Rebekah Lodge of Lomita will conduct the ceremony.

She is survived by Mrs. J. A. Beasley, Leo F. Bradford, and James H. Bradford of this area.

The great virtue on which a democratic society is founded is the belief that the power of government rests in the hands of the governed and that men have the ability and right to govern themselves.

In practice, these beliefs call for a willingness to serve in public office and the wise and wide spread use of the ballot.

We are anxious to see as many individuals run for these offices as possible. By calling for a large slate of candidates, we do not mean to criticize those candidates who are now holding office. We are simply encouraging political competitiveness which produces the healthiest state of affairs from the point of view of the community and of the candidates themselves.

Apathy and indifference, rather than actual enemies from within or without, are the real villains which threaten us. With a community growing as rapidly as Torrance, it is of particular concern that its government and schools remain in able hands and under alert eyes.

In school and city government, as in every other human endeavor, quality counts.

That is why qualified individuals who believe in the principles of democracy should declare themselves willing to hold public office.

The more candidates there are the better it will be, because voters will have a better chance to look for quality when they have quantity to choose from.

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